

I would be pleased to speak with you about the SAFE Commission plan, and I wish you Godspeed as you begin your presidency.

Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,  
Member of Congress.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. DAVID DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2008*

Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2638, the "Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act of 2008."

The following project I requested was included in the legislation considered on the floor of the House:

Bill Number: H.R. 2638.

Account: Research Development Defense Wide, Industrial Preparedness.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Seaman Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 1000 Venture Boulevard, Wooster, OH 44691.

Description of Request: I received an earmark in the amount of \$1,600,000 to continue a research and development project to develop a more reliable collapsible storage tank that will be utilized by our military for fuel and water distribution. Research and development will occur in Seaman facilities in Ohio and in Bristol, TN.

In recent years, the tanks being used by our military have consistently underperformed, and the Defense Logistics Agency is working with Seaman to develop fabrication technologies that will improve the performance capabilities of the tanks being produced. The money appropriated for this project will be utilized by: (1) identifying the manufacturing processes to ensure long-term performance that meets and/or exceeds current military application requirements, (2) establishing quality assurance procedures to ensure extended life performance dependability, and (3) providing field validation testing.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JEFFERSON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE JEAN BRINK

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2008*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, an era is coming to an end in the Jefferson Union High School District. Jean Brink, first elected in 1988, is retiring as a Trustee after 20 years of productive and selfless service.

Like so many in public service, Jean first got involved as an active and concerned parent. Her two children, Adam and Laura, attended the District's Oceana High School, where Jean quickly became as well-known as her son and daughter.

In five straight elections, the voters of the Jefferson Union High School District returned

Jean to office, relying on her level head, passionate commitment to education and keen understanding of the School District's greater role in the community.

Madam Speaker, Jean is the kind of public servant that we could all take a lesson from. While overseeing the modernization of district schools and facilities and working for the passage of two bond measures, Jean remained vigilant against waste and abuse and always kept a watchful eye on the taxpayers' hard-earned money.

Jean Brink earned the title "Trustee" because "trust" is what Jean is all about. As a board member, she guided the District through difficult economic times while always making sure that the needs of students were foremost on the minds of administrators. While committed to the basics, she understood that high school is one of the last times that many students have a chance to participate in artistic endeavors. She has been a strong supporter of art, music and drama programs, not just by providing financial and administrative support, but by attending nearly every band concert, school play and art show produced in the district for the last 20 years. Madam Speaker, a generation of students benefitted from Jean Brink's service. We will miss her, but she has certainly earned her retirement. Jean can now spend more time on her other interests, including swimming and volunteering for such worthwhile projects as the Oceana Natatorium's ceramic mural and the Pacifica School Volunteers.

We all know how much time public office takes away from one's family. I want to thank Jean's supportive husband, John Brink for loaning his talented and remarkable wife to the community. Son and daughter-in-law John and Kristin Brink and daughter and son-in-law Laura and Doug Ritenour will, no doubt, love having more time with Jean, but I have a feeling the person who will benefit most from Jean's newfound free time is her precious and adorable granddaughter, Serena Ritenour.

#### HONORING JUNE W. BUTTERFIELD

### HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2008*

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor June W. Butterfield, who is the recipient of the 2008 Experience Works Prime Time Award for Outstanding Older Workers.

Experience Works strives to improve the lives of older people through employment and community service. 2008 marks the eleventh year Experience Works is leading this national, yearlong initiative that recognizes remarkable individuals 65 and older who continue to make valuable contributions in the workplace.

This year's recipient from the state of West Virginia is June W. Butterfield, an office manager for the West Virginia Board of Risk and Insurance Management in Charleston. Working since she was 18, June started in the private sector but has been a government employee in one form or another for the past 38 years. The constant challenges and opportunities to become more efficient are what keep June so motivated. Her co-workers recognize this effort and praise her positive attitude in

the office. A former competitive runner, June is a big advocate of staying healthy and encourages her colleagues to stay fit. She encourages all older people to keep working, saying "it keeps you young."

It is an honor to represent this outstanding woman who serves as a strong leader and excellent role model for older women in her community. Congratulations to June W. Butterfield as the recipient of the 2008 Experience Works Prime Time Award for Outstanding Older Workers.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DARWIN WIEKAMP OF MISHAWAKA, INDIANA

### HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 20, 2008*

Mr. DONNELLY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Darwin Wiekamp, a hard-working businessman and lifelong community philanthropist. Mr. Wiekamp died at his home in Mishawaka, Indiana on the morning of November 13, 2008 at the age of 94.

In 1936, 22-year old Wiekamp married his wife of 72 years, Dorothy. His business career as an area banker began a few years later in 1945, when he and a friend founded the Owners Discount Corporation in Elkhart, Indiana with a vision to serve customers who were ignored by other banks. Their corporation specialized in small loans for cars and new businesses.

For the next several years, Wiekamp implemented aggressive lending programs to his less fortunate community members, and in 1966 Owners Discount purchased West End State Bank of Mishawaka. Wiekamp's bank continued to grow enormously, changing names several times, until it finally became National City Bank. By the time Wiekamp retired, his initial \$64,000 capital had turned into a financial corporation that today is worth hundreds of millions of dollars. His ceaseless hard work, willingness to take risks, and dedication to serving his community are qualities that every businessman should strive to emulate.

As a philanthropist in our community, Wiekamp led campaigns to raise money for public television, St. Joseph Hospital, and the South Bend Center for the Homeless. His financial generosity also helped support healthcare and the arts in the form of the Schwartz-Weikamp Clinic in Mishawaka and an auditorium at the Center for History. With the help of nine other community businessmen, Wiekamp also organized and founded Mishawaka Futures Industrial Park, which today is home to twenty small businesses and hundreds of jobs.

Friends and fellow businessmen remember Wiekamp as "enormously generous in the community," "a great guy with a good sense of humor," and a "tough competitor and good golfer." But what Wiekamp will be most remembered for is his commitment to educational causes and community development. He and Dorothy helped fund Wiekamp Hall at Indiana University South Bend, the primary classroom building on campus, housing five computer labs, a language lab, sixteen classrooms, faculty and administrative offices, and a 150-seat lecture hall. They also helped finance the IUSB art gallery and more than thirty scholarships for students at the school.